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Form **990-EZ****Short Form****Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No. 1545-1150

2015**Open to Public Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

▶ Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning**

July 1,

, 2015, and ending

June 30

, 2016

B Check if applicable

- ☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Final return/terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

Rural Ethnic Institute

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address)

Room/suite

821 Upper Pines Drive

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

Rapid City, SD 57701-2513

D Employer identification number

46-0340843

E Telephone number**F Group Exemption Number****G Accounting Method:** ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual Other (specify) ▶**I Website:** ▶**J Tax-exempt status** (check only one) — ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**K Form of organization:** ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other**L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets**

(Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$

H Check ☒ if the organization is **not** required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (see the instructions for Part I)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☐

1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	3,975 99
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	20,532 99
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
4	Investment income	4	
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
6	Gaming and fundraising events		
a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	
c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ▶	9	24,508 98
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	1,945 00
11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	5,810 56
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	2,356 10
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	1,671 55
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	1,417 06
16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) Travel (8,818 25) Communications (2,504 40)	16	11,322 65
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	24,522 92
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	13 94
19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	563 65
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) Purchase new computer	20	750 83
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶	21	1,328 42

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Part II **Balance Sheets** (see the instructions for Part II)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II ☐

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		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	24 75	22 13 94
23	Land and buildings		23
24	Other assets (describe in Schedule O))Office Equipment	538 90	24 1,314 48
25	Total assets		25
26	Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)		26
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	563 65	27 1,328 42

Part III	Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)	
	Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III <input type="checkbox"/>	Expenses

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III ☐ Expenses

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others)

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28	Gerald One Feather Memorial, Ogjala, SD (\$500) Ilboru Special Needs School, Arusha, Tanzania (\$1,000) Omniciye Multi Cultural Rotary, Rapid City, SD (\$250) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28a	\$1,750 00
29	Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce, Rapid City, SD (\$180) Black Hills Forum, Rapid City, SD (\$15) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	195 00
30	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	
31	Other program services (describe in Schedule O) Administrative support services to the above and Rushmore Rotary (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	23,328 755
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) <input type="checkbox"/>	32	\$24,522 92

Part IV **List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees** (list each one even if not compensated—see the instructions for Part IV)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV ☐

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Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V ☐

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ ; section 4912 ▶ ; section 4955 ▶	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ Telephone no. ▶ Located at ▶ ZIP + 4 ▶	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

	Yes	No
46		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47–49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI ☐

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

	Yes	No
47		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

	Yes	No
48		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

	Yes	No
49a		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

	Yes	No
49b		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 **▶** _____

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 **▶** _____

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A **▶** ☐ Yes ☐ No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here **▶** Tom Katus **Signature of officer** **▶** October 14, 2016 **Date**
▶ TOM KATUS, Managing Director, REI **Type or print name and title**

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	Firm's name ▶	Firm's EIN ▶			
	Firm's address ▶	Phone no			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions **▶** ☐ Yes ☐ No